WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Scarcity of Foodgrains in Orissa

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Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for scarcity of food grains, particularly rice, in Orissa;

(b) the monthly requirement of rice and the actual quantity of rice allocated to Orissa during each of the last three years; and

(c) the details of action taken/proposed to be taken to end the scarcity of rice in that State and to arrest price rice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Orissa is generally self-sufficient in foodgrains but may face occasional scarcity in local areas.

(b) A statement of requirement and allocation of rice to Orissa is attached.

(c) The Food Corporation of India has rushed additional quantities of rice to the State as well as started inter district movement to increase availability.

STATEMENT

('000 Tonnes)

Month	1988		1989		1990		1991	
	Demand	Allotment	Demand	Allotment	Demand	Allotment	Demand	Allotment
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
January	40.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	24.0	24.0	30.0	18.0
Febuary	40.0	20.0	30.0	24.0	20.0	20.0	30.0	18.0
March	40.0	20.0	30.0	24.0	20.0	20.0	30.0	18.0
April	40.0	20.0	24.0	24.0	25.0	24.0	30.0	24.0
May	40.0	25.0	30.0	24.0	35.0	24.0	30.0	24.0
June	50.0	25.0	30.0	26.5.	40.0	24.0	30.0	26.0
July	50.0	30.0	40.0	24.0	40.0	24.0	30.0	29.0

('000 Tonnes)

Month	1988		1989		1990		1991	
	Demand	Allotment	Demand	Allotment	Demand	Allotment	Demand	Allotment
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
August	50.0	30.0	40.0	24.0	40.0	24.0	45.0	45.0
September	50.0	35.0	40.0	24.0	40.0	24.0	45.0	40.5
October	30.0	30.0	40.0	24.0	40.0	21.5		
November	30.0	30.0	40.0	40.0	30.0	20.0		
December	30.0	30.0	25.0	24.0	30.0	&8.0		

Includes 5000 tonnes for meeting requirement on account of floods.

& Rice allocation reduced for the period December, 1990 - March, 1991 for all major rice consuming States, including Orissa, in view of improved availability with arrival of new crop and to conserve stocks for lean season.